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#### ODES OF ANACREON.

The Greek Lyric.

LITERAL TRANSLATION BY W. G. MILLS.

#### THE LYRE.

My lyre on glows with fond desire  
For Atren's sons to tune my lyre;

And I would sweep the trembling string  
In praise of Cadmus, too, to sing;

But o'er the chords I vain I move,

My lyre will only sound of Love.

So worthless lairs I wean the strain,  
I changed the chords and tuned again;

And swelled the note with loiter time

To deeds of power by Hercules done;

But all in vain my skill did prove,

My lyre re-schooled taught but Love.

No more, ye heroes, can I swell

The song for you, henceforth farewell;

Vain my attempt to sweep the string,

My lyre alone of Love will sing.

#### ON WOMEN.

Nature does on the bulb bestow

Horns to guard his sturdy brow;

And hoofs gave the trampling steed;

The nimble foot the hard decreed;

Distended jaws the lion gave;

And fishes taught to swim the waves

Made birds with wings the air control,

And man possess the dauntless soul;

But naught did she for woman leave,

What then to guard her does she give?

Beauty's beauties she appears,

Instead of stiches, instead of spears;

For she who beauties charms enjoys,

The power of fire and sword destroys.

G. S. L. City, Sept., 1853.

#### THE BITERS BIT.

SOME time ago a story went the rounds touching a man who, having presented himself in his shirt-sleeves at the American Museum, New York, received the loan of a coat, and after viewing the curiosities, eloped with the garment, obtaining a sight of the eloquent and a swallow-tail for twenty-five cents.

This reminds us of an affair that occurred in 1840, on board the Old Columbus, when she lay at the Charleston Navy Yard.

One day a long, green Vermonter straggled on board the frigate, and examined everything on deck with curious eyes.

The officer of the watch, from his bearing and the neatness of his uniform, attracted the Yankee's notice.

"Got a pretty good place here, hey?" he inquired.

The officer assented.

"What wages do you get?"

"One hundred and twenty-five dollars a month."

"All to yourself! Shoh!"

"Fact sir."

"Wal, I wonder if I couldn't get something to do here, myself?"

"O, yes; you'd make a pretty good midshipman."

"Wal, what are midshipmen's wages for a green hand?"

"Forty dollars a month only."

"Only forty dollars! Jerusalem! Why, I was told to hire out for ten. But where can I be made a midshipman on? Say quick!"

"Down below, sir, in the steerage."

As soon as I'm relieved I'll see to it." Down went the quizzier and the quizzed. A bevy of young midshipmen required no prompting to perpetrate a piece of mischief.

A spurious warrant was soon made out, and the greenhorn equipped in a

splendid uniform, including an elegant chapeau and costly sword, by a joint contribution of the mess. Thus furnished he was directed to present himself to Commodore S., in the cabin, and report ready for duty.

He was told that the commodore might be pretty gruff—it was a way he had, but not to mind him. The steerage being full, the new midshipman was to demand quarters in the commodore's cabin; in fact, he was ordered to take possession of a certain state-room. The commodore's black looks and angry words were to be regarded as nothing—he had no right to use either.

Thus "posted up," the victim presented himself to the commodore, with "Old hoss, how are you?"

S. started; he had come across a RARA AVIS.

"Take a seat, sir."

"I kin help myself, old fellow—I generally do do," was the reply of the Vermonter, as he flung himself into one seat and crossed his legs upon another.

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